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Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 43/196 of 20 December 1988, 44/172 A and B of 19 December 1989, 44/228 of 22 December 1989, 45/211 of 21 December 1990 and 46/168 of 19 December 1991,

Having considered the report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, 1/ which was held at Rio de Janeiro from 3 to 14 June 1992,

Expressing its satisfaction that the Conference and its Preparatory Committee provided for active participation of all States Members of the United Nations and its specialized agencies at the highest level, and of observers and various intergovernmental organizations, as well as non-governmental organizations, representing all the regions of the world,

Reaffirming the need for a balanced and integrated approach to environment and development issues,

Reaffirming also a new global partnership for sustainable development,

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1/ A/CONF.151/26.

Expressing its profound gratitude to the Government and the people of Brazil for the hospitality extended to the participants of the Conference and for facilities, staff and services placed at their disposal,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

2. Endorses the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, Agenda 21 and the Non-legally Binding Authoritative Statement of Principles for a Global Consensus on the Management, Conservation and Sustainable Development of All Types of Forests, as adopted at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development on 14 June 1992; 2/

3. Notes with satisfaction that the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change 3/ and the Convention on Biological Diversity were opened for signature and were signed by a large number of States at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and stresses the need for these Conventions to be put into force as soon as possible;

4. Urges Governments, organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system as well as other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to take the necessary action to give effective follow-up to the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, Agenda 21 and the Non-legally Binding Authoritative Statement of Principles for a Global Consensus on the Management, Conservation and Sustainable Development of All Types of Forests;

5. Calls upon all concerned to implement all commitments, agreements and recommendations reached at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, especially by ensuring provision of the means of implementation under section IV of Agenda 21, stressing in particular the importance of financial resources and mechanisms, transfer of environmentally sound technology, cooperation and capacity-building, and international institutional arrangements, in order to achieve sustainable development in all countries;

6. Takes note with appreciation of the initial financial commitments made by some developed countries at its forty-seventh session and urges those countries that have not done so to announce their commitments in accordance with paragraph 33.19 of Agenda 21;

7. Decides to include in the agenda of its forthcoming sessions a standing item entitled "Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development";

2/ See A/CONF.151/26 (vols. I, II and Corr.1 and III).

3/ A/AC.237/18 (Part II)/Add.1 and Corr.1, annex I.

8. Decides further to convene not later than 1997 a special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of Agenda 21 and, in this context, requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session a report containing recommendations for consideration by the Assembly on the format, scope and organizational aspects of such a special session.